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SPECIAL OUTLINE  
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380TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON  
310TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

### L I F E I N G H I S O N A C C I A

As anticipated by the majority of our personnel, February was destined to show an increase in operations; this step-up made possible by the newly arrival of our "G" crews to Ghisonaccia. After intensive training, both in the states and over here in this theatre, these combat crews are considered well fortified with the vast amount of tactical training received. Not unlike all new combat members, these men are eager, confident and restless to get into the air against the enemy.

This contingent, a second priority to the original Flight Echelon, arrived at Ghisonaccia on February ninth and commenced their operation of low-level sea sweeps on the twelfth of the month. (Complete coverage of Sq. operational activities may be found in (B) Operational Section, and (H) Campaign Outline.)

Our squadron area is now almost unrecognizable since details of men have policed it and improved the condition of it. Gravel has been laid over the entire section with a thought in mind of the rainy weather that lies ahead.

The Red Cross Service has moved to Ghisonaccia, in the form of a young lady who is doing splendid work toward livening up the men's spirits. A building now has been set aside for recreational purposes and is now tagged, "Red Cross Center." It boasts of ping pong tables, library, snack counter, comfortable chairs and writing tables. Special Services has been supplying the squadron with first class entertainment in the form of motion pictures. Such films as "Coney Island", "Dubarry Was a Lady", "Bombardier", "Top Man", and "Larceny With Music", can not be overlooked as offering a small slice of "Hollywood's Best".

Our mess hall has been doing a fine job of feeding, considering the tremendous increase in strength of our squadron. In fact, the cooks have attempted to "tease our palates" with pastries and cakes. Considering the material they have to work with a great deal of credit should be given them.

February, despite its reputation for being a rainy and cold month, was exceptionally mild and many sunshiny days were enjoyed by all, not to mention the added advantage afforded the Group to continue without interruption their attacks on shipping and harbor installations along the Italian Coast. Our Mitchells have attained a noteworthy record in that seventy-three vessels of all types and classes have been sunk since January First of this year. The last week of this month dampened our spirits no end, as rain fell almost incessantly for seven days. We all hope that March will bring both sunshine and continued operational success.

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OPERATIONAL SECTION

TAB B

Month of February

1944

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Mission Report  
# 155

Date-Feb. 6, 1944

Target- Piombino Harbor, Italy

Squadron Airplanes, Five

P-Capt. Carl E. Rice	P- Lt. E.I. Tozier	P- Maj. J.J. Dent
CP-F/O R.K. Richardson	CP- Lt. W.P. Katz	CP- Lt. R. Fawcett
N- Lt. W.J. Rath	B- Lt. W.H. Kakiss	N- Lt. E.H. Potter
B- Lt. J.M. Baraniuk	R- S/Sgt C.A. Campbell	B- Lt. J.F. Halsey
R- S/Sgt R.W. Doty	G- S/Sgt A.J. Barny	R- S/Sgt F.E. Taylor
G- S/Sgt S.G. Barszez	TG- S/Sgt R.S. Weinstein	G- S/Sgt P.D. McGimpsey
TG- S/Sgt T.R. Barksdale	PH- S/Sgt J.A. Powers	TG- Cpl R.E. Smith
O- Lt. J.E. Adams, Jr.		
P- Capt. W.J. Schneider	P- Lt. R.M. Arentson	
CP- Lt. T.P. Ryan	CP- Lt. J.M. Harris	
B- Lt. F.D. Mortimer	B- Lt. L.S. Heath	
R- S/Sgt D. Butori	R- Cpl. W.J. Mc Kenna	
G- S/Sgt J.H. Shields	G- S/Sgt. K.L. Dook	
TG- S/Sgt C.R. Gardner	TG- Pfc. R. Huston	
	PH- Sgt. W.E. Land	

Again we received quite a hot reception from Jerry flak gunners as our bombers struck at Piombino Harbor today. Moderate accurate heavy flak greeted the formation as the planes reached the bomb release point. Our bombs patterned the M/Y's and the dock installations. Some hits were observed in area SW of harbor causing two large explosions. All our ships returned to base safely. Photos were taken.

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Mission Report  
# 156

Date-Feb. 7, 1944

Target- Leghorn Harbor, Oil Storage

Squadron Airplanes , Four

P- Maj. J.J. Dent  
CP- Lt. R. Fawcett  
N- Lt. E.H. Potter  
B- Lt. J.F. Halsey  
R- S/Sgt. F.E. Taylor  
G- S/Sgt. P.D. McCimpsey  
TG- Cpl. R.E. Smith

P- Capt. C.E. Rice  
CP- F/O R.K. Richardson  
N- Lt. W.F. Koneieczka  
B- Lt. P.A. Mortimer  
R- Cpl. W.J. McKenna  
G- S/Sgt. S.G. Barszez  
TG-S/Sgt. T.R. Barksdale

P- Lt. B.E. Bridges  
CP- Lt. E.A. Drew  
B- Lt. E.J. Shaffer  
R- S/Sgt. E.B. Picktel  
G-S/Sgt. F. Papp  
TG- S/Sgt. H.C. Silvis  
PH- S/Sgt. W.E. Land

P- Lt. E.I. Tozier  
CP- Lt. W.P. Katz  
B- Lt. L.S. Heath  
R- S/Sgt. D. Buhori  
G- S/Sgt. A.J. Barny  
TG- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein  
PH- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

Our B-25's struck further up the coast today, attacking the oil storage tanks at Leghorn. Hits in storage area resulted in black smoke and flames. Two barges anchored at end of breakwater were hit and appeared to explode. Both enemy aerial and ground defenses were nil. All planes returned safely.

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Mission Report  
# 157

Date- Feb, 7, 1944

Target- Porto San Stefano

Squadron Airplanes, Five

P- Maj. J.J. Dent  
CP- Lt. R. Fawcett  
N- Lt. J. Lewis  
B- Lt. J.F. Halsey  
R- S/Sgt. F.E. Taylor  
G- S/Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey  
TG- Cpl. R.E. Smith

P- Lt. R.M. Atentson  
CP- Lt. T.P. Ryan  
B- Lt. L.S. Heath  
R- Pvt. J.T. Link  
G- S/Sgt. K.L. Cook  
TG- Pfc. R. Huston  
PH- Sgt. W.E. Land

P- Lt. C.E. Rice  
CP- F/O. R.K. Richardson  
N- Lt. R.S. Neale  
B- Lt. E.E. Marshall  
R- Cpl. W.J. McKenna  
G- S/Sgt. S.G. Barszcz  
TG- S/Sgt. T.R. Barksdale  
OB- Lt. J.E. Adams Jr.

P- Lt. B.E. Bridges  
CP- Lt. E.A. Drew  
B- Lt. E.J. Shaffer  
R- S/Sgt. E.B. Picktel  
G- S/Sgt. F. Papp  
TG- S/Sgt. H.C. Silvis

P- Lt. E.I. Tozier  
CP- Lt. W.F. Katz  
B- Lt. P.A. Mortimer  
R- S/Sgt. D. Butori  
G- S/Sgt. A.J. Barny  
TG- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein  
PH- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

At mid-afternoon our bombers were air-borne again and headed southeast to attack Porto San Stefano Harbor. Bomb hits were observed across west end of dock area and in edge of town. At the NW end of the harbor an explosion was reported from a hit on building near base of quay. No enemy defense action whatsoever was encountered. All bombers returned safely to base.

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Mission Report  
# 158

Date- February 9, 1944

Target- Shipping in San Stefano Harbor, Italy

Squadron Airplanes- Six

P- Maj. D.J. Dent  
CP- Lt. R. Fawcett  
N- Lt. J. Moore  
B- Lt. J.F. Halsey  
R- S/Sgt. F.R. Taylor  
G- S/Sgt. P.D. McGimpsey  
TG- Cpl. R. Smith

P- Lt. C. Hament  
CP- Lt. W.H. Kuester  
B- Lt. J. Colleton  
R- Pvt. C.L. Zimmerman  
G- S/Sgt. C.R. Gardner

P-Capt. J.G. Persson  
CP- Lt. H.A. Drew  
B- Lt. E.J. Shaffer  
R- Pvt. J.T. Link  
G- S/Sgt. F. Papp  
TG- S/Sgt. H.C. Silvis

F- Capt. C.E. Rice  
CP- F/O R.K. Richardson  
N- Lt. D. Mc Bride  
B- Lt. P. A. Mortimer  
R- S/Sgt. E.B. Piktel  
G- S/Sgt. S. Barszcz  
TG- Pfc. J. Hunt  
OB- Lt. H.H. Lorch

P- Lt. R.M. Arentson  
CP- Lt. T.P. Ryan  
B- Lt. L.S. Heath  
R- Cpl. W. J. McKenna  
G- S/Sgt. K.L. Cook  
TG- Pfc. R. Huston  
PH- Sgt. W.E. Land

P- Lt. E.I. Tozier  
CP- Lt. W.P. Katz  
B- Lt. E.E. Marshall  
R- Pvt. L.W. Wilson  
G- S/Sgt. A.J. Barny  
TG- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein  
PH- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

We went after two M/V's reported to be moored along main quay in the harbor of San Stefano. Our aim was poor and our bombs missed the vessels. However bomb hits were observed in dock area at base of main quay, E along inner harbor and edge of town. Some light flak, bursting below the flight was experienced as the formation passed over the town of San Stefano. All 12 of our bombers came home safely to base.

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Mission Report  
# 159

Date- Feb. 9, 1944

Target- Shipping in San Stefano Harbor, Italy

Squadron Airplanes, Four

P- Capt. J.J. Dent  
CP- Lt. R. Fawcett  
N- Lt. Negle  
B- Lt. J.L. Halsey  
R- S/Sgt. F.E. Taylor  
G- Pvt. J.T. Link  
TG- Cpl. R.E. Smith

P- Lt. E.I. Tozier  
CP- Lt. W.P. Katz  
N- Lt. J. Lewis  
B- Lt. E.L. Shaffer  
R- Pvt. L.W. Wilson  
G- S/Sgt. A.J. Barny  
TG- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein  
HH- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

P- Capt. C.E. Rice  
CP- F/O R. Richardson  
N- Lt. W.F. Konieczka  
B- Lt. P.A. Mortimer  
R- S/Sgt. E.B. Pikel  
G- S/Sgt. S. Barszcz  
TG- Pfc. J. Hunt

P- Lt. R.M. Arentson  
CP- Capt. W. Schneider  
N- Lt. J. Moore  
B- Lt. L.S. Heath  
R- Cpl. W.J. McKenna  
G- S/Sgt K.L. Cook  
TG- Pfc. R. Huston  
HH- Sgt. W.E. Land

San Stefano took the form of our target for today. The two medium sized merchantmen reported to be moored to the main quay in the harbor were still there in the same position as yesterday. Several strings of bombs walked across end of quay. One M/V was hit and both sustained damage from near misses. No flak or fighters interrupted the formation and at 1700 hrs all bombers had returned safely.

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Mission Report  
# 160

Date- Feb. 12, 1944

Target Shipping in Sestri Levante Harbor, Italy

Squadron Airplanes- Twelve

P- Capt. C.E. Rice  
CP- Lt. J.M. Harris  
B- Lt. J.F. Halsey  
N- Lt. W.F. Konieczka  
R- S/Sgt. E.B. Piktel  
G- S/Sgt. C.R. Gardner  
TG- Sgt. A.M. Ventura  
OB- Lt. J.E. Adams

P- Lt. E.I. Tozier  
CP- Lt. R. Fawcett  
B- Lt. E.J. Shaffer  
R- S/Sgt. F.E. Taylor  
G- Pvt. G.L. Zimmerman  
TG-S/Sgt R.S. Weinstein  
FH- Sgt. W.E. Land

P-Capt. J.G. Persson  
CP- Lt. A.K. Oechsle  
B- Lt. P.A. Mortimer  
N- Lt. R.S. Negle  
R- Pvt. A.W. Stanford  
G- Pvt. L.W. Wilson  
TG- S/Sgt. T.R. Barksdale

P-Lt. C. Hament  
CP- Lt. W.P. Katz  
B- Lt. E.E. Marshall  
N- Lt. D. McBride  
R- Pvt. R. Drogosch  
G- S/Sgt. K.L. Cook  
TG- Pfc. R. Huston  
FH- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

P-Capt. W.J. Schneider  
CP- Lt. T.P. Ryan  
B- Lt. T.F. Conway  
N- Lt. W.J. Rath  
R- S/Sgt. D. Bubert  
G- S/Sgt. A.J. Barny  
TG- S/Sgt. T.C. Gibbs

P-Lt. R.M. Arentson  
CP- Lt. E.A. Drew  
B- Lt. L.S. Heath  
N- Lt. J. Moore  
R- Cpl. W.J. McKenna  
G- S/Sgt F. Papp  
TG- Cpl. R.E. Smith

P- Lt. J.H. Saybold  
CP- Lt. R.E. Reid  
EG-Sgt. L.E. Myers  
R-S/Sgt. W.E. Rice  
G- Sgt. G.E. Holmes  
TG- S/Sgt. K.J. Bliss

P- Lt. E.G. Lacroix  
CP- Lt. J.F. Falleiko  
EG- Sgt. E.E. Colston  
R- S/Sgt. E.L. Chapin  
G- Sgt. C. Glowner

P-Lt. G.K. McDonald  
CP- Lt. E.H. Ellis  
N- Lt. C.L. Klecka  
EG- Sgt. R.J. Foley  
R- Sgt. J.E. Ferguson  
G- Sgt. B.F. Irwin

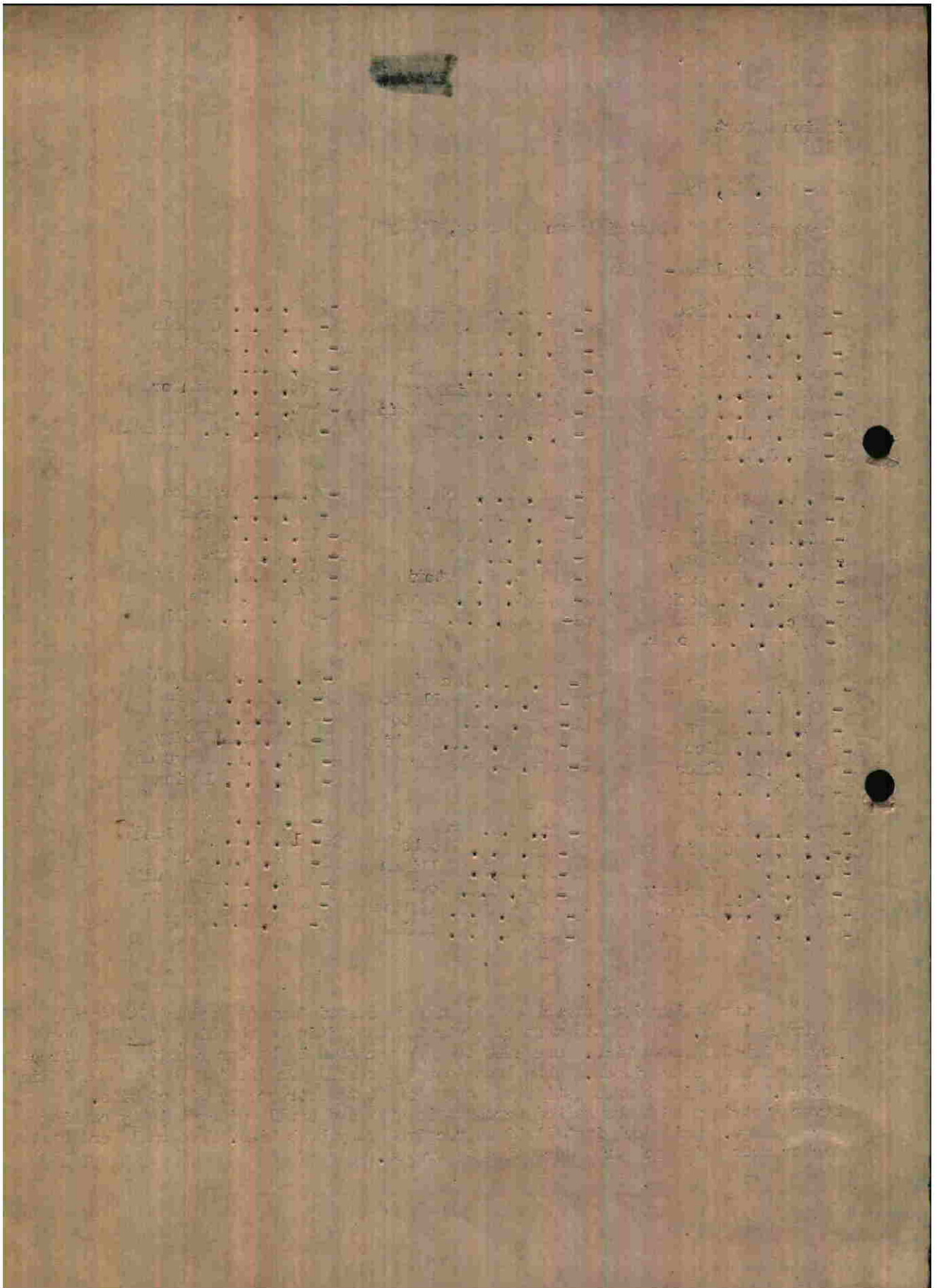
P- Lt. B.E. Cross  
CP-Lt. R.B. Worthington  
B-Lt. J.E. Henry  
EG- Sgt. J.H. Hamaway  
R- S/Sgt. F.L. DuPont  
G-Sgt. B.W. Drosendahl

P- Lt. H.C. Brungess  
CP- Lt. L.H. Brooks  
BN- Lt. E.J. Mulligan  
EG- Sgt. C.C. Poole  
R- S/Sgt. H.C. Althaus  
G- S/Sgt. H.W. Walker

P-Lt. F.M. Scherer  
CP- Lt. D.W. Howland  
EG- Sgt. A.V. Porter  
R- Sgt. A.V. Dussault  
G- Sgt. H.E. Jenssen  
TG- Sgt. J.J. Alves

Our bombardiers struck at shipping in Sestri Levante Harbor with deadly accuracy today. It was the most concentrated exhibition of bombing that has been accomplished in some time. One 3000 ton M/V anchored in harbor received two direct hits and many near misses. When last seen the vessel was listing badly and settling astern. 3 landing barges estimated to be 150 feet destroyed by direct hits. Several strings of bombs walked across main quay and small adjacent jetty causing much damage. Main dock installations received many bomb hits. Two small craft at anchor near main dock area were also destroyed.

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Mission Report  
# 161

Date- Feb. 12, 1944

Target- Sea Search

Squadron Airplanes, Four

P-Lt. J.W. Gilluly  
N-Lt. E.G. Paul  
EG- S/Sgt. T.A. Zoll  
R- S/Sgt. A. Kovalchick  
G- L.T. Rowley

P-Lt. E.G. Betts  
N-Lt. R.C. Dorman  
EG- S/Sgt. W.F. Cech  
R- S/Sgt. V.F. Prichard  
G- Sgt. C.R. Miller

P-F/O R. Corbin  
B-Lt. R.H. Williams  
EG- Sgt. H.G. Yocum  
R- Sgt. H.M. Schiffman  
G- Sgt. R.O. Sykes

P- Lt. H.L. Connally  
N- Lt. W.D. Whitcomb  
EG-Sgt. W.H. Soules  
R- S/Sgt. S.L. Grissom  
G- S/Sgt. C.C. Lindstrom

Eight B-25's, four from our Squadron, took off to Search for enemy shipping along the Italian Coast. No targets were sighted so the harbor of San Stefano was shelled with 75 mm cannon. Three hits on docks and two on quay in main harbor were observed, resulting in columns of black smoke. Slight inaccurate heavy flak was encountered. All ships home to base safely.

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Mission Report  
# 162

Date- Feb. 13, 1944

Target- Anti-Sub Patrol

Squadron Airplanes, Two

P- Lt. J.W. Gilluly  
N- Lt. E.G. Paul  
EG- S/Sgt. T.A. Zoll  
RG- S/Sgt. A. Kovalchick  
G- Sgt. L.T. Rowley .

P- F/O R. Corbin  
N- Lt. R.H. Williams  
EG- Sgt. H.G. Yocum  
RG- Sgt. H.M. Schiffman  
G- Sgt. R.O. Sykes

Two of our planes took off this morning on a patrol in search of submarines off the north tip of Cape Corse. After four and one half hours of searching, both bombers returned to base. No observations made.

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Mission Report  
# 163

Date- Feb. 23, 1944

Target- Leghorn Oil Storage

Squadron Airplanes, Four

P- Lt. C.F. Campbell  
CP- Lt. H.C. King  
EG- Sgt. A.A. Michalski  
RG- S/Sgt. B.J. Shelton  
G- Sgt. A.E. Spofford  
TG- Sgt. R.M. Harcharik

P- Lt. E.J. McLaughlin  
CP- Lt. M.D. Bell  
B- Lt. D.N. Powell  
EG- S/Sgt. W.E. George  
RG- S/Sgt. G.E. Fenner  
G- S/Sgt. H.E. Cassidy

P- Lt. W.P. Wilsted  
CP- Lt. H.G. Frisby  
B- Lt. J.H. Young  
EG- Sgt. R.D. Call  
RG- S/Sgt. W.S. Neal  
G- Sgt. M.C. Archer

P- Lt. W.A. Coade  
CP\* Lt. J.H. Lightsey  
EG- Sgt. G.W. Turner  
RG- S/Sgt. G.J. Malgady  
G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding  
TG- Cpl. G.E. Gay

Leghorn Oil Storage was our target for today. Our bombing pattern was quite effective too. Most bombs fell across southern part of oil storage dump with four direct hits on storage tanks. Others fell across canal in vicinity of power station resulting in one large explosion at that point along with considerable heavy smoke. The formation encountered a slight amount of inaccurate light and heavy flak in the vicinity of the target. There were no enemy fighter interceptions. All our bombers returned to base.

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Mission Report  
# 164

Date- Feb. 13, 1944

Target- Sea Search

Squadron Airplanes, Four

P- Lt. E.G. Betts  
N- Lt. R.G. Dorman  
EG- T/Sgt. W.F. Cech  
RG- S/Sgt. V.F. Prichard  
G- Sgt. C.R. Miller

P- Lt. E.G. Lacroix  
N- Lt. F.S. Harvey  
EG- Sgt. E.E. Colston  
RG- S/Sgt. E.L. Chapin  
G- Sgt. C. Glowner

P- Lt. F. Peterson  
CP- Lt. F.E. Davis  
EG- Sgt. R.H. Plawin  
RG- S/Sgt. C.S. LeGacy  
G- Sgt. R.L. Moorman  
TG- Sgt. B.J. Manemee

P- Lt. B.E. Cross  
CP- Lt. R.B. Worthington  
B- Lt. J.E. Henry  
EG- Sgt. J.H. Hannaway  
RG- S/Sgt. F.L. DuPont  
G- Sgt. B.E. Drosendahl

Another search for enemy shipping was made today and the formation of eight B-25 G's found fairly good hunting. Two 40-50 ft. fishing boats attacked in harbor of Follonica. One hit was seen on one of the boats. Further results unknown. Several hits on dock and adjacent harbor installations were observed. The formation also shelled Porto San Stefano Harbor. One hit was observed on a 100 foot schooner stationary there. Several hits in town on buildings and quay were reported and smoke was seen coming from one building near the water. Along the coast just south of Follonica, the flight experienced slight to moderate inaccurate light flak. Moderate fairly accurate light flak greeted them from positions in the hills surrounding San Stefano. All ships returned safely to base.

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Mission Report  
#165

Date- February 14, 1944.

Target- Sea Search

Squadron airplanes- three

P- Lt. J.W. Gilluly

C/P- Lt. E.G. Paul

RG- S/Sgt. T.A. Zoll

EG- S/Sgt. A. Kovalchick

G- Sgt. L.T. Rowley

P- Lt. E.G. LaCroix

N- Lt. F.S. Harvey

EG- Sgt. E.E. Colston

RG- S/Sgt. E.L. Chapin

G- Sgt. C. Glowner

P- Lt. H.L. Connally

N- Lt. W.H. Whitcomb

EG- Sgt. W.H. Soules

RG- S/Sgt. S.L. Grisson

G- S/Sgt. C.C. Lindstrom

The sea was clear of all shipping today as our bombers took off on a search for enemy craft. The small harbor of Pt. Ala Sparviero was chosen as an alternate target and shelled. Two hits were reported on beach but further results were not observed. No enemy fighter interceptions nor flak encountered. All ships returned to base at 0930 hours.

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Mission Report  
#166

Date- February 14, 1944

Target- Leghorn Harbor

Squadron Airplanes- nine

P- Capt. C.E. Rice  
C/P- Lt. T.P. Ryan  
B- Lt. J.F. Halsey  
N- Lt. W.F. Konieczka  
R- S/Sgt. F.E. Taylor  
G- S/Sgt. C.R. Gardner  
TG- Cpl. R.E. Smith

P- Lt. J.E. Harris  
C/P- Lt. W.F. Katz  
B- Lt. E.E. Marshall  
R- Pvt. R.A. Drogosch  
G- S/Sgt. K.L. Cook  
TG- Pfc/ R. Huston  
PH. Sgt. W.E. Land

P- Lt. H.C. Brungess  
C/P- Lt. L.H. Brooks  
BN- Lt. B.J. Mulligan  
EG- Sgt. C.C. Poole  
RG- S/Sgt. H.C. Althaus  
G- S/Sgt. H.W. Walker

P- Lt. R.M. Srennson  
C/P- Lt. E.A. Drew  
B- Lt. L.S. Heath  
N- Lt. J. Moore  
R- Cpl. W.J. McKenna  
G- S/Sgt. F. Papp  
TG- Sgt. A. Ventura

P- Capt. F.C. Folwell  
C/P- Lt. J.F. Pallaiko  
B- Lt. P.A. Mortimer  
N- Lt. D. McBride  
R- Pfc. A.W. Stanford  
G- Pvt. L.W. Wilson  
TG- S/Sgt. T.R. Barksdale

P- Lt. F.M. Scherer  
C/P- Lt. D.W. Howland  
EG- Sgt. A.V. Porter  
RG- Sgt. A.V. Dussault  
G- Sgt. H.E. Jenssenn  
TG- Sgt. J.J. Alves

P- Capt. W.S. Derrick  
C/P- Lt. J.V. Quitta  
B- Capt. J.B. Anderson  
N- Lt. R.S. Negle  
R- Sgt. F.L. Pinto  
G- S/Sgt. A.J. Barny  
TG- S/Sgt. T.A. Gibbs

P- Lt. R.F. Fletcher  
C/P- Lt. R. Fawcett  
B- Lt. E.J. Shaffer  
R- S/Sgt. E.B. Piktet  
G- Pvt. G.L. Zimmerman  
TG- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein  
PH- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

P- Lt. J.H. Seybold  
C/P- Lt. R.E. Reid  
EG- Sgt. L.E. Myers  
RG- S/Sgt. W.E. Rice  
G- Sgt. G.E. Holmes  
TG- S/Sgt. R.J. Bliss

Our main objective today was the shipping in the Canal at Leghorn Harbor but due to the wall of clouds surrounding the target, bombardiers were unable to line up on the target craft. Strings of bombs were seen to fall in building area adjacent to railroad yards causing considerable damage. Direct hits on adjacent canal were made by other bombs from these strings resulting in the possible destruction of a bridge over the canal at this point. Other bombs were seen to hit in railroad yards leading to inner harbor. Direct hits were scored on railroad bridge leading from railroad yards to N main quay at Victor Emmanuel Harbor. Bomb bursts also seen on edge of buildings just south of iron works. Moderate Light and slight to moderate heavy flak of good range and poor deflection was encountered by our formation over the target area. All of our ships returned safely to base.

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Mission Report  
#167

Date- February 14, 1944

Target- Sea Search

Squadron Airplanes- four

P- Lt. E.G. Betts  
N- Lt. R.C. Dorman  
EG- T/Sgt. W.F. Cech  
RG- S/Sgt. V.F. Pritchard  
G- Sgt. C. Miller

P- Lt. W.F. Wilsted  
B- Lt. H.J. Young  
EG- Sgt. R.D. Cal  
RG- S/Sgt. W.S. Neal  
G- Sgt. E.C. Archer

P- F/O R. Corbin  
B- Lt. R.H. Williams  
EG- Sgt. H.G. Yocum  
RG- Sgt. H.M. Schiffman  
G- Sgt. R.O. Sykes

P- Lt. W.A. Coade  
C/P- Lt. J.H. Lightsey  
EG- Sgt. G.W. Turner  
RG- S/Sgt. G.J. Malgady  
G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding  
TG- Sgt. C. Gay

At 42 deg 36 min N, 10 deg 56 min W. two barges estimated 150' long and one escort vessel estimated 100' long heading NW, slightly staggered in trail were attacked. Three direct hits were scored on escort vessel causing much damage and starting a fire astern. A near miss was made on barge to the rear of the escort vessel. Further results were not observed. Slight inaccurate heavy and intense accurate light flak was encountered from the target vessels. The craft in which Lt. Betts was flying was hit in the nose by a burst of flak. Lt. Betts however skillfully piloted the damaged bomber back to base safely. The other three B-25's landed without mishap.

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Mission Report  
#168

Date February 15, 1944

Target- Leghorn, Italy

Squadron Airplanes- Three

P- Lt. E.A. Drew  
CP- Lt. J.M. Harris  
B- Lt. E.E. Marshall  
R- Pvt. R.A. Drogosch  
C- S/Sgt. K.L. Cook  
TG- S/Sgt. H.C. Silvis  
HH- Sgt. W.E. Land

P- Lt. F. Peterson  
CP- Lt. F.E. Davis  
EG- Sgt. R.H. Plawin  
RG- S/Sgt. C.S. LeGacy  
G- Sgt. R.L. Moorman  
TG- Sgt. B.J. McNemee

P- Lt. E.J. McLaughlin  
CP- Lt. M.D. Bell  
EG- Sgt. W.E. George  
RG- S/Sgt. C.E. Fenner  
G- Sgt. H.E. Cassidy

Shipping in Leghorn Harbor was our target again today, and we met with fair success. Two M/V's (estimated at 490' and 350') were damaged by near misses, while one very large barge and two medium-sized barges were sunk by direct bomb hits. Also, numerous direct hits were seen on the piers, warehouses, and other harbor installations. The flak was slight, inaccurate, heavy, and no enemy aircraft were sighted. All eighteen planes returned safely.

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Mission Report  
# 169

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Date- February 15, 1944

Target- San Stefano, Italy

Squadron Airplanes-Six

P- Capt. C.E. Rice  
CP- Lt. T.P. Ryan  
N- Lt. W.F. Konieczka  
B- Lt. J.L. Halsey  
R- S/Sgt. F.E. Taylor  
G- S/Sgt. C.R. Gardner  
TG- Cpl. R.E. Smith

P-Lt. C. Hament  
CCP- Lt. W.P. Katz  
N- Lt. D. McBride  
B- Lt. P.A. Mortimer  
R- S/Sgt. E.B. Piktet  
G- S/Sgt. A.J. Barny  
TG- Pfc. J.H. Hunt

P- Lt. R.M. Arentson  
CP- Lt. R. Fawcett  
N- Lt. J. Lewis  
B- Lt. L.S. Heath  
R- Cpl. W. McKenna  
G- S/Sgt. F. Papp  
TG- Pfc. R. Huston  
HH- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

P- Lt. E.A. Drew  
CP- Lt. E.J. Shaffer  
R- Pvt. R.A. Drogosch  
G- S/Sgt. K.L. Cook  
TG- S/Sgt. H.C. Silvis  
HH- Sgt. W.E. Land

P- Lt. B.E. Cross  
CP- Lt. R.B. Worthington  
EG- Sgt. J.H. Hannaway  
RG- S/Sgt. F.L. DuPont  
G- Sgt. B.W. Drosendahl

P- Lt. F.M. Scherer  
CP- Lt. D.W. Howland  
EG- S/Sgt. A.V. Porter  
RG- Sgt. R. Dussault  
G- Sgt. H.E. Jenssen  
TG- Sgt. J.J. Alves

There was no shipping at our primary target, Port Ercole, so Porto San Stefano again bore the brunt of the attack when the group sent eighteen B-25's. Bombs were dropped on shipping and warehouses at San Stefano, with good results on each. One small M/V and two 150's barges were destroyed in the harbor, and excellent coverage of the warehouse area was observed. Several bombs fell on the railroad west of the warehouses, and the entire target area was covered by considerable smoke. There was very little flak and it was inaccurate, and no enemy aircraft was to be seen. All our planes returned safely.

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Mission Report  
# 170

Date- February 16, 1944

Target- Sea Search

Squadron Airplanes- Four

P- Lt. J.W. Billuly  
N- Lt. E.G. Paul  
EG- S/Sgt. T. Zoll  
RG- S/Sgt. A. Kovalchick  
G- Sgt. L.T. Rowley

P- Lt. E.G. Lacroix  
N- Lt. F.S. Harvey  
EG- Sgt. E.E. Colston  
RG- S/Sgt. E.L. Chapin  
G- Sgt. C. Glowner

P- Lt. C.F. Campbell  
CP- Lt. H.G. King  
EG- S/Sgt. A.A. Michalski  
RG- S/Sgt. B.J. Shetlton  
G- Sgt. A.E. Spofford  
TG- Cpl. R.M. Harcharik

P- Lt. H.C. Brungess  
CP- Lt. L.H. Brooks  
EG- Sgt. C.C. Poole  
RG- S/Sgt. H.G. Althaus  
B- Lt. Mulligan  
G- S/Sgt. H.W. Walker

Two of our G's and two of our H's formed half the formation of eight planes out on this low-level sea sweep. No other suitable target was sighted, so an attack was made on a floating marine light that was mistaken for a barge at 43° 58' N, 10° 10' E. Two direct hits were made on this light. Slight, inaccurate, heavy flak was encountered on this mission, but all of our planes returned safely to the base.

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Mission Report  
# 171

Date- February 16, 1944

Target- Sea Search

Squadron Airplanes- Two

P- F/O R. Corbin  
N- Lt. R.H. Williams  
EG- Sgt. H.G. Yocum  
RG- Sgt. H.M. Schiffman  
G- Sgt. R.O. Sykes

P- Lt. G. McDonald  
CP- Lt. E.H. Ellis  
N- Lt. C. Klecka  
EG- Sgt. R.J. Foley  
RG- Sgt. J. Ferguson  
G- Sgt. B.F. Irwin

We failed to find any shipping today, so it was "On to San Stefano Again". The harbor at San Stefano was shelled, with several hits being seen on the docks and in the waterfront area. Some shells hit on a hill just West of town, and a fire was started on a hill southeast of town. A few shells were lobbed into Talamone Harbor, with one hit seen in the town area. The only flak was ~~some~~ moderate, fairly accurate, light flak from San Stefano, and no enemy aircraft was seen. All planes returned safely.

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Mission Report  
# 172

Date- February 17, 1944

Target- San Stefano Shipping

Squadron Airplanes- Six

P- Lt. R.M. Arentson  
CP- Lt. R. Fawcett  
B- Lt. L.S. Heath  
N- Lt. R.S. Negle  
R- Cpl. W.J. McKenna  
G- S/Sgt. F. Papp  
TG- Pfc. R. Huston

P- F/O R.K. Richardson  
CP- Lt. J.M. Harris  
B- Lt. E.J. Shaffer  
R- Pvt. R.A. Drogosch  
G- S/Sgt. K.L. Cook  
TG- S/Sgt. H.C. Silvis  
HH- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

P-Lt. W.A. Coade  
CP- Lt. J.H. Lightsey  
EG- Sgt. G.W. Turner  
RG- S/Sgt. C.J. Malgady  
G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding  
TG- S/Sgt. B.F. Link

P- Lt. W.P. Wilsted  
CP- Lt. H.G. Frisby  
EG- Sgt. R.D. Call  
RG- S/Sgt. W.S. Neal  
G- S/Sgt. H.C. Archer

P- Lt. H.C. Brungess  
CP- Lt. L.H. Brooks  
BN- Lt. E.J. Mulligan  
EG- Sgt. C.G. Poole  
RG- S/Sgt. H.C. Althaus  
G- S/Sgt. H.W. Walker

P- Lt. E.J. McLaughlin  
CP- Lt. M.D. Bell  
BN- Lt. D.H. Powell  
EG- Sgt. W.E. George  
RG- S/Sgt. G.E. Fenner  
G- Sgt. H.E. Cassidy

Our daily attack on San Stefano was kept up on this mission, with eighteen planes attacking shipping and port facilities in the San Stefano Harbor. One 125' boat received one direct hit and two near misses, while near misses were scored on a large warehouse back of town and direct hits were seen on the incline of a road bridge over a railroad. Several of the planes dropped their bombs on Port Ercole Harbor, with two 130' boats (believed to be "E" boats) being destroyed by the concussion of two near misses, one barge being destroyed, and two barges being badly damaged.

Slight, inaccurate, light flak from S. Stefano, and slight, inaccurate, light and heavy flak from Port Ercole was encountered, but all planes returned to the base safely.

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Mission Report  
# 173

Date February 17, 1944

Target- Sea Search

Squadron Airplanes, Four

P- Bt. E.G. Betts  
N- Lt. H.C. Dorman  
EG- T/Sgt. W.F. Cech  
RG- S/Sgt. V.F. Prichard  
G- Sgt. C. Miller

P- Lt. H.L. Connally  
N- Lt. W.D. Whitcomb  
EG- Sgt. W.H. Soules  
RG- S/Sgt. S.L. Grissom  
G- S/Sgt. C.C. Lindstrom

P- Lt. F. Peterson  
EG- Sgt. R.H. Plawin  
RG- S/Sgt. C.S. LeGacy  
G- Sgt. R.L. Moorman  
TG- Sgt. B.J. McNemee

P- Lt. J.M. Seybold  
EG- Sgt. L.E. Myers  
RG- S/Sgt. W.E. Rice  
G- Sgt. G.E. Holmes  
TG- S/Sgt. K.J. Bliss

Our target on this mission was shipping, with low-level attack, and a target consisting of two "E" boats was sighted just outside Port Ercole Harbor. Both boats were attacked, but one gained cover while the other was aggressive and came out to meet our planes. Smoke was seen, after one pass, to be coming from this latter boat, but the boat evidently got away with no more than slight damage, and had had enough fight for one day.

This mission served a special purpose in that it ran all the boats in this vicinity back into Port Ercole Harbor at a timely moment for our bombers to catch them there a few minutes later.

All of our planes returned safely to their base.

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## Mission Report

# 174

Date- February 17, 1944

Target- Port Ercole Shipping

Squadron Airplanes - Six

P- Capt. C.E. Rice  
 CP- Lt. T.P. Ryan  
 N- Lt. W.F. Konieczka  
 E- Lt. J.F. Halsey  
 R- Sgt. F.L. Pinto  
 G- S/Sgt. C.R. Gardner  
 TG- Cpl. R.E. Smith

P- F/O R.K. Richardson  
 CP- Lt. J.V. Gilluly  
 E- Lt. P.A. Mortimer  
 R- Pfc. A.W. Stanford  
 G- S/Sgt. B.F. Link  
 TG- S/Sgt. T.R. Barksdale  
 N- Lt. D. McBride

P- Lt. R. M. Arentson  
 CP- Lt. R. Fawcett  
 N- Lt. J. Moore  
 E- Lt. L.S. Heath  
 R- Cpl. W.J. McKenna  
 G- S/Sgt. F. Papp  
 TG- Pfc. R. Huston

P- Lt. E.A. Drew  
 CP- Lt. L.A. Smiley  
 E- Lt. E.E. Marshall  
 R- Pvt. R.A. Drogosch  
 G- S/Sgt. K.L. Cook  
 TG- S/Sgt. H.C. Silvis  
 PH- Sgt. W.E. Land

P- Lt. E.E. Cross  
 CP- Lt. R.E. Worthington  
 EG- Sgt. J.H. Hannaway  
 RG- S/Sgt. F.L. DuPont  
 G- Sgt. E.W. Drosendahl

P- Lt. C.F. Campbell  
 CP- Lt. H.C. King  
 EG- Sgt. A.A. Michalski  
 RG- S/Sgt. B.J. Shelton  
 G- Sgt. A.E. Spofford  
 TG- Cpl. R.M. Harcharik

Hearing that there was shipping present in Port Ercole Harbor, we paid them a little visit with twenty-four planes. We found two "F" boats and three other vessels (about 130' long-believed to be "E" boats) in the harbor. After our visiting cards had been dealt out, we took a tally, and counted two "F" boats, one barge, and one "E" boat destroyed, and two barges badly damaged.

We encountered some light and heavy flak at Port Ercole and San Stefano, but it was not accurate, and all of our planes returned safely.

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Mission Report  
# 175

Date- February 17, 1944

Target- Sea Search

Squadron Airplanes, Four

P- Lt. E.G. Lacroix  
N- Lt. F.S. Harvey  
EG- Sgt. E.E. Colston  
RG- S/Sgt. E.L. Chapin  
G- Sgt. C. Glowner

P- Lt. G.K. McDonald  
N- Lt. C.L. Klecka  
EG- Sgt. R.J. Foley  
RG- Sgt. J.E. Ferguson  
G- Sgt. E.F. Irwin

P- Lt. F.M. Scherer  
EG- Sgt. A.V. Porter  
RG- Sgt. R.R. Dussault  
G- Sgt. H.E. Jenssen  
TG- Sgt. J.J. Alves

P- F/O R. Corbin  
B- Lt. R.H. Williams  
EG- Sgt. H.G. Yocum  
RG- Sgt. H.M. Schiffman  
G- Sgt. R.O. Sykes

Out on another sea search, we were unable to find any of Jerry's boats, and had a very uneventful flight. The enemy has evidently felt the effects of our attacks on his shipping, and has started hiding his ships during the day in harbors as they are harder to reach. No flak was encountered, so all of our planes returned home safely.

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Mission Report  
# 176

Date- February 18, 1944

Target- Orbetello Railroad Junction

Squadron Airplanes, Five

P-Capt. C.L. Grow  
CP- Lt. T.P. Ryan  
N- Lt. D. McBride  
E- Lt. J.F. Halsey  
R- S/Sgt. G.F. Pikel  
G- S/Sgt. E.F. Link  
TG- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein

P- Lt. F. Peterson  
CP- Lt. F.L. Davis  
EG- Sgt. R.H. Flavin  
R- S/Sgt. C.S. LeGacy  
G- Sgt. R.L. Moorman  
TG- Sgt. B.L. McNemee

P- Lt. E.A. Drew  
CP- Lt. W.P. Katz  
N- Lt. J. Lewis  
E- Lt. P.A. Mortimer  
RG- S/Sgt. J.J. Downs  
G- S/Sgt. K.L. Cook  
TG- S/Sgt. H.C. Silvis  
PH- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

P- Lt. W.P. Wilsted  
CP- Lt. R.G. Frisby  
EG- Sgt. R.D. Call  
RG- S/Sgt. W.S. Neal  
G- Sgt. M.C. Archer

P- Lt. G.K. McDonald  
CP- Lt. E.M. Ellis  
EG- Sgt. R.J. Foley  
RG- Sgt. J.E. Ferguson  
G- E.F. Irwin

We had a target on this Mission that was somewhat different from most of our targets, in the form of the Orbetello Railroad Junction success was not to be ours on this mission, however, for we found the target obscured by clouds, and we could not carry out the mission as planned. Some of our planes dropped their bombs on shipping in Salomone harbor, but the mission was not destined to be a success, and no hits nor near misses were observed on any of this shipping. All bombs fell wide of their target, and all of our planes returned home.

No flak nor fighters were encountered on this mission, but some shipping was sighted in Salomone Harbor, all being of a minor nature.

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Mission Report  
# 177

Date- February 18, 1944

Target- Leghorn Shipping

Squadron Airplanes, Four

P- Capt. C.E. Rice  
CP- Lt. J.W. Gilluly  
N- Lt. W.F. Koneiczka  
B- Lt. J.F. Halsey  
R- S/Sgt. E.B. Piktel  
G- S/Sgt. B.F. Link  
TG- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein

P- Lt. C.F. Campbell  
CP- Lt. M.D. Bell  
G- Sgt. A.A. Michalski  
RG- S/Sgt. B.J. Shelton  
TG- Cpl. R.M. Harcharik

P- F/O R.K. Richardson  
CP- Lt. E.D. Betts  
N- Lt. J. Moore  
B- Lt. L.S. Heath  
R- Pfc. A.W. Stanford  
G- Pvt. L.W. Wilson  
TG- S/Sgt. T. Barksdale

P- Lt. R.M. Arentson  
CP- Lt. J.F. Quitta  
N- Lt. R.S. Negle  
B- Lt. E.J. Shaffer  
R- Pvt. R.C. Drogosch  
G-S/Sgt. K.L. Cook  
TG- S/Sgt. H.C. Silvis  
PH- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

Luck was with us on this mission to bomb shipping in Leghorn Harbor, for we found a large amount of enemy shipping in the harbor. The sky was clear, and the flak inaccurate light flak, so a good run was made on this target, and the crews did a good job. As the smoke started clearing away it became evident that the group and squadron had here what was almost surely their most successful mission to date in the Corsican campaign. The mission had resulted in the sinking of one-420' M/V, one 330' M/V, one 175' M/V, one 200' yacht, and two-110' barges, as well as causing damage to the quays in the harbor.

Photographs were taken of the results of the mission, and leaving the enemy with several less boats with which to haul his vital supplies to the Italian battle lines, our planes all 18 returned safely to their base.

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Mission Report  
# 178

Date- February 18, 1944

Target- Sea Search

Squadron Airplanes, Four

P- Lt. E.G. Lacroix  
N- Lt. F.S. Harvey  
RG- S/Sgt. E.L. Chapin  
EG- Sgt. E.E. Colston  
G- Sgt. C. Glowner

P- Lt. J.H. Seybold  
EG- S/Sgt. L.N. Myers  
RG- S/Sgt. W.E. Rice  
G- Sgt. C.E. Holmes  
TG- S/Sgt. K.J. Bliss

P- Lt. E.J. McLaughlin  
BN- Lt. D.N. Powell  
EG- Sgt. W.E. George  
RG- S/Sgt. R.E. Fenner  
G- Sgt. H.E. Cassidy

P- Lt. W.A. Coade  
EG- Sgt. G.W. Turner  
RG- S/Sgt. G.J. Malgady  
G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding  
TG- Cpl. C.E. Gay

Four of our planes took off on this sea search for shipping, but all the mission resulted in was an uneventful ride for the crews of the planes. No shipping, nor any other target, was sighted, so all planes returned home safely.

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Mission Report  
# 179

Date- February 19, 1944

Target- Sea Search

Squadron Airplanes, Four

P- F/O R. Corbin  
N- Lt. W.D. Whitcomb  
EG- Sgt. R.G. Yocum  
RG- Sgt. H.M. Schiffman  
G- Sgt. R.O. Sykes

P- Lt. B.E. Cross  
B- Lt. J.E. Henry  
EG- S/Sgt. J.H. Hannaway  
RG- S/Sgt. F.L. DuPont  
G- Sgt. B.W. Drosendahl

P- Lt. C.F. Campbell  
EG- Sgt. M.A.A. Michalski  
RG- S/Sgt. B.J. Shelton  
G- Sgt. L.S. Rowley  
TG- Cpl. R.M. Harcharik

P- Lt. H.L. Connally  
B- Lt. R.H. Williams  
EG- Sgt. W.H. Soules  
RG- S/Sgt. S.L. Grissom  
G- S/Sgt. C.C. Lindstrom

No shipping was sighted on this low-level sea search, so other targets were found and attacked. The first of these targets was a locomotive and ten to fifteen cars headed south at approximately 42° 10' N, 11° 45' E, with one direct cannon hit being seen on the train. Further results could not be seen, but the train came to a stop during the attack.

The second target was Giglio Marina Harbor, and shells were fired into the harbor. Hits were seen in the shore area of the harbor, but a turn-away was made too soon to see other results.

Light flak, some of it being fairly accurate, was encountered from the train and other points en route, but all planes returned safely.

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Mission Report  
# 180

Date- February 19, 1944

Target- Tarquinia A/D, Italy

Squadron Airplanes, Three

P- Lt. R.M. Arentson  
CP- Capt. C.L. Grow  
N- Lt. D. McBride  
B- Lt. J.F. Halsey  
R- S/Sgt. E.E. Piktel  
G- S/Sgt. B.F. Link  
TG- S/Sgt. R.S. Weinstein

P- Lt. J.M. Harris  
CP- Lt. J.W. Quitta  
N- Lt. J. Moore  
B- Lt. E.E. Marshall  
R- Cpl. W.J. McKenna  
G- S/Sgt. F. Papp  
TG- Pfc R. Huston  
PH- Sgt. W.E. Land

P- Lt. W.A. Coade  
CP- Lt. J.H. Lightsey  
EG- Sgt. G.W. Turner  
RG- S/Sgt. G.J. Malgady  
G- S/Sgt. W.D. Redding

Our target today was Tarquinia Airdrome, and it brought back old memories of days when we were carrying out most of our missions against enemy airdromes. This was our first attack on an air drome since we started operation from Corsica, and most of the boys were eager to go on the mission.

There were only two aircraft on the field, but one of these was probably damaged. Aircraft not being our main target, we dropped most of the bombs on the runway and taxi-strips, and had numerous hits on both. The runway already had craters from previous bombings, but we continued to put the field in such a condition that much repair would be necessary before the enemy can use it as a base for his fighters in Italy.

Unlike most of our previous attacks on airdromes, we encountered no flak nor fighters today, and all twelve of our planes returned safely.

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Mission Report  
# 181

Date- February 20, 1944

Target- Viareggio Harbor, Italy

Squadron Airplanes, Two

P- F/O R.K. Richardson  
CP- Lt. R. Fawcett  
N- Lt. J. Lewis  
B- Lt. P.A. Mortimer  
R- Pfc. A. Stanford  
E-S/Sgt. E.F. Link  
TG- S/Sgt. T.R. Barksdale

P- Lt. E.G. Betts  
CP- Lt. G.W. Stockdale  
N- Lt. R.S. Negle  
B- Lt. L.S. Heath  
RG- S/Sgt. V.F. Prichard  
G- Sgt. C. Miller  
TG- T/Sgt. W.F. Cech  
PH- S/Sgt. J.A. Powers

Carrying our attack further north than usual, our target on this mission was shipping in Viareggio Harbor. There were no large boats in the harbor, but twelve schooners of 80'-100' in length and eight fishing craft 35' in length were sunk by direct hits. Also, hits were seen on the dock installations, marshalling yards, and on buildings near the harbor, with one fire reported among these buildings.

The sky was again clear of flak and fighters, so all eighteen planes returned to their base safely.

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Mission Report  
# 182

Date- February 20, 1944

Target- San Stefano Harbor, Italy

Squadron Airplanes, Five

P- Lt. R.M. Arentson  
CP- Lt. T.P. Ryan  
N- Lt. W.F. Konieczka  
E- Lt. J.F. Halsey  
G- S/Sgt. C.F. Gardner  
R- S/Sgt. E.E. Piktel  
TG- Cpl. R.E. Smith  
PH- Sgt. W.E. Land

P- Lt. J.M. Harris  
CP- Lt. J.V. Quitta  
N- Lt. J. Moore  
E- Lt. E.E. Marshall  
R- Cpl. W.J. McKenna  
G- S/Sgt. F. Papp  
TG- Pfc R. Huston

P- Lt. J.W. Gilluly  
CP- Lt. L.A. Smiley  
N- Lt. R.C. Dorman  
E- Lt. J.E. Henry  
R- S/Sgt. A. Kovalchich  
G- Pvt. J.T. Link  
TG- Sgt. L.T. Zoll

P- Lt. E.A. Drew  
CP- Lt. W.P. Katz  
N- Lt. D. McBride  
E- Lt. E.J. Shaffer  
R- Pvt. R. Drogosch  
G- S/Sgt. K.L. Cook  
TG- S/Sgt. H.C. Silvis  
PH- S/Sgt. T.C. Gibbs

P- Lt. W.P. Wilsted  
CP- Lt. H.C. Frisby  
E- Lt. H.J. Young  
EG- Sgt. R. Call  
RG- S/Sgt. W.S. Neal  
G- Sgt. M.C. Archer

Keeping up our attack on Porto San Stefano, eighteen B-25's again today attacked quays, docks, and dock installations in the S. Stefano Harbor. One 160' tanker found in the harbor received direct hits and near misses, and was emitting a large column of black smoke after the target was left. Also, hits were seen on the main quay, and in buildings near the base of this quay, with a large explosion, followed by fire, being seen near the base of the main quay. Neither flak nor fighters was encountered, and all planes returned home safely.

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Mission Report  
# 183

Date- February 20, 1944

Target- Sea Search

Squadron Airplanes, Four

P- Lt. E.G. Lacroix  
N- Lt. F.S. Harvey  
EG- Sgt. R.E. Colston  
RG- S/Sgt. E.L. Chapin  
G- Sgt. C. Glowner

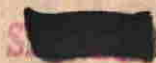
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EG- Sgt. R.H. Flawin  
RG- S/Sgt. C.S. LeGacy  
G- Sgt. R.L. Moorman  
TG- Sgt. B.J. McNemee

P- Lt. H.C. Brungess  
N- Lt. E.J. Mulligan  
EG- Sgt. C.C. Poole  
RG- S/Sgt. H.C. Althaus  
G- S/Sgt. H.W. Walker

P- Lt. E.J. McLaughlin  
E- Lt. D.N. Powell  
EG- Sgt. W.E. George  
RG- S/Sgt. C.E. Fenner  
G- Sgt. R.E. Cassidy

Four of our squadron B-25H's were out on this low-level sea search, and the search was successful, for a 75'-100' tug boat was found stationary at 43° 41' N, 10° 15' E. An attack was made on this boat, with two 75 mm shell hits being seen amidship and one shell hit just aft of the stack. Immediately afterwards, the boat blew up and sank. Slight flak was encountered from Spezia, Leghorn, and Marina Di Pisa, but all planes returned safely.

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Mission Report  
# 184

Date- February 21, 1944

Target- Leghorn Harbor, Italy

Squadron Airplanes, Two

P- Lt. E.A. Drew  
CP- Lt. W.P. Katz  
N- Lt. D. McBride  
B- Lt. E.J. Shaffer  
R- Pvt. R. Drogosch  
G- S/Sgt. K.L. Cook  
TG- S/Sgt. H.C. Silvis

P- Lt. W.P. Wilsted  
CP- Lt. H.C. Frisby  
B- Lt. H.J. Young  
N- Lt. R.C. Dorman  
R- S/Sgt. J.J. Downs  
G- Pvt. G.L. Zimmerman  
TG- S/Sgt. T.R. Barksdale  
PH- Sgt. W.E. Land

Leghorn Harbor and dock installations was the target on this mission carried out by 18 B-25's , and as a result of the attack, a large number of bomb hits were observed on the pier and dock facilities, and on the southwest end of the marshalling yards, with explosions, fires, and debris resulting from these hits. Two 100' barges moored at the docks received direct hits, and damaging near misses were made on a 200' M/V in the harbor, while other hits were made in the building area of the town.

There was no flak nor fighters, and all planes returned without mishap.

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Mission Report  
# 185

Date- February 22, 1944

Target- Railroad Tracks, 42deg. 24min. North, 11deg. 27min. East,  
South x South-east of Montenegro

Squadron Airplanes, Two

P- F/O R. Corbin  
B- Lt. R.H. Williams  
EC- Sgt. H.G. Yocum  
RG- Sgt. H.N. Schiffman  
G- Sgt. R.O. Sykes

P- Lt. F.M. Scherer  
EG- Sgt. A.V. Porter  
RG- Sgt. R.R. Bussault  
G- Sgt. H.E. Jenssen  
TC- S/Sgt. J.J. Alves

Still another type of target came under our attack on this mission, when railroad tracks and installations from 42° 24' N, 11° 27' E, to 42° 25' N, 11° 21' E were attacked by a low-level formation of four B-25 H's. The railway station at 42° 23' N, 11° 27' E was demolished, while 5-6 flat cars believed to be loaded with explosives and three tank cars in this area blew up and caught fire as a result of cannon hits. The rail lines there were badly damaged. Other damages were caused to a railway bridge at 42° 21' N, 11° 35' E, a highway bridge at 42° 25' N, 11° 26' E, the railway station at 42° 24' N, 11° 21' E, and to rail lines in the vicinity.

Neither fighters nor flak were encountered, and all planes returned safely.

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Mission Report  
# 186

Date- February 23, 1944

Target-Sea Search

Squadron Airplanes, Two

P- Lt. E.G. Lacroix  
N- Lt. F.S. Harvey  
EG- Sgt. E.R. Colston  
RG- S/Sgt. E.L. Chapin  
G- Sgt. C. Glowner

P- Lt. G.K. McDonald  
N- Lt. C.L. Klecka  
RG- Sgt. J.E. Ferguson  
G- Sgt. B.F. Irwin  
TG- Sgt. R.J. Foley

Out on a 4-plane low-level sea search, our B-25 H's had an uneventful trip. No shipping nor other target was sighted, so all of the planes returned to their base. There was no flak nor fighters encountered.

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Mission Report  
# 187

Date- February 23, 1944

Target- Sea Search

Squadron Airplanes, Two

P- Lt. E.G. Lacroix  
N- Lt. F.S. Harvey  
EG- Sgt. E.E. Colston  
RG- S/Sgt. E.L. Chapin  
G- Sgt. C. Glowner

P- Lt. B.H. Adams  
N- Lt. E.G. Paul  
TC- S/Sgt. T.L. Tunmire  
RG- S/Sgt. M.B. Powell  
G- Cpl. C.E. Gay

This mission was another low-level sea search carried out by four B-25 H's, and led by Lt. Lacroix. Jerry seems to have his ships well hidden, and evidently has found his sea lanes a bad place to be during the day, for again nothing serving as a good target was sighted. This, however, was not to stop our planes, for an attack was then made on San Stefano Harbor. Two hits by 75 mm shells were seen in the central harbor of the town, but flak from the town prevented the continuation of the attack.

Slight, accurate, heavy and light flak was encountered from positions at Piombino Harbor. Also slight, inaccurate, heavy and moderate light flak from Porto San Stefano Harbor. All ships returned safely to their base.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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Month of February

1944

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COMMENDATIONS  
AWARDS AND CITATIONS

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COMMENDATION

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380th Bombardment Sq.  
310th Bombardment Gp.

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February 11, 1944.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 380th Bombardment Squadron.  
Commanding Officer, 381st Bombardment Squadron.  
Commanding Officer, 428th Bombardment Squadron.

1. The following message from General Morris, Commanding General of the XII Fighter Command, is quoted for your information.

"TO: HUNTER, 310 Bomb Gp.  
FROM: MORRIS.

LOUD CHEERS ON EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL MISSIONS. THAT'S THE  
STUFF TO GIVE THEM.

MORRIS"

JOHN F. HONE,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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COMMENDATION

-16-

380th Bombardment Sq.  
310th Bombardment Gp.

HEADQUARTERS  
310th BOMBARDMENT GROUP  
CORSICA  
APO 650

15 February 1944

SUBJECT: Congratulations.

TO : All Concerned.

1. The folling message, Hq MACAF, signed LLOYD is paraphrased and passed for your information:

ALL CONCERNED ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED ON EXCELLENT WORK BEING DONE FROM CORSICA AGAINST ENEMY SHIPPING PD A FIRST CLASS JOB DONE REALLY WELL AND ADMIRIED BY ALL.

2. Commanding Officers will notify all units under their command of the above message.

By order of C/Capt TUTTLE:

/s/ Neal E. Guy  
/t/ NEAL E. GUY,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.


CASUALTY SECTION

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MONTHLY STRENGTH

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MONTHLY  
STRENGTH  
( FEB )

380TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON  
310TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

## SQUADRON MONTHLY STRENGTH

	Officers	Enlisted Men
FEBRUARY 1, 1944	39	179
Net Increase	43	137
Net Decrease	0	0
FEBRUARY 29, 1944	82	316

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SQUADRON WAR DIARY

SECTION

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Month of February

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Sheet No. 14 War Diary, 380th Bombardment Sqdn. Anchor APO 650 New York  
STATION

Month of February, 1944. Prepared by 1st Lt. John E. Adams, Jr. PRO S-2 Section.  
(Rank, Name, Unit)

- | DAY | EVENTS   |
|-----|--|
| 1   | Most of the men started the month by sending money home through War Department Finance. However, there were those few who could not send anything. Last night's games "cleaned" them completely. They didn't seem to mind, though. This is the short month and payday will come again. There was an exciting and thrilling movie this evening. At least that's what Hollywood intended it to be. It was "Bombardier", starring Pat O'Brien, and depicting the training of the U.S. Air Forces bombardiers. Our bombardiers razed it more than anyone. Evidently this picture was produced for the folks at home, as are all war pictures.  |
| 2   | A very pretty day with everyone enjoying the sunshine as much as possible. The men are thankful for not having thick, sticking mud to contend with this winter as they did in Africa last winter. The boys maintain good spirits as long as the weather is mild. Another movie tonight! This time the picture was "The Constant Nymph", with Charles Boyer and Joan Fontaine.  |
| 3   | Pancakes for breakfast this morning, and they were rather tasty. All the boys get up when hotcakes are on the menu. There was a small mail call this noon, but not nearly enough to satisfy the fellows. There can never be too much mail. Fresh meat for supper--Pork chops being the main course. It was a good supper, but not quite enough chops. Eighteen EM of the 381st Bomb Sq. were attached to the squadron this afternoon for rations only. While twenty EM of Hq. 310th Bomb Gp. were released this morning from attachment for rations only. No wonder the Mess has such a difficult time trying to feed its own men. This evening The 347th Fighter Sq. entertained with a show for the third successive night. The picture was very enjoyable, too. "The Butler's Sister", with Deanna Durbin and Pat O'Brien. This is the type movie the men want. |
| 4   | A terrific wind came out of the mountains and blew most of the morning and afternoon making the entire day miserable. Started sprinkling just before the evening meal. A flight of B-17's landed this afternoon, having been on a mission over southern France. They were from the 2nd & 99th Bomb Gps. Thirty-nine of the officers and seventy-six of the enlisted men ate supper with us. They are scheduled to take off tomorrow for their home base, weather permitting.   |
| 5   | This was a happy Saturday for the men--a tremendous amount of mail came in. Most of the boys got ten to fifteen letters. Squadron Intelligence, and Operations moved into the wooden building adjacent to the one previously occupied, which was just about to collapse. The B-17's left for their home bases. Twenty-two EM, 381st Bomb Sq., were attached to the squadron for rations only. The total mess attendance for the day was 1382 men.  |
| 6   | The squadron got six new crews from Philipville today. Our squadron is almost at full strength again. Had pork chops for supper tonight.   |
| 7   | More new men arrived by plane from Philipville to join the squadron. They came just in time to enjoy hamburgers for supper. There was a small mail call in the late afternoon, and the night brought another movie. Charles Coburn in "My Kingdom for a Cook", a farce about an English author visiting America that gave the boys plenty of laughs. Two-hundred twenty-four enlisted men of the 381st Bomb Sq. were released from attachment for rations.   |
| 8   | Men and planes continue to come in from Philipville. Our baker made delicious sugared doughnuts for the evening meal, but only two per man.  |

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Sheet No. 15 War Diary, 380th Bombardment Sq. Anchor APO 650 New York  
STATION

Month of February, 1944. Prepared by 1st Lt. John E. Adams, Jr. PRO S-2 Sec.  
(Rank, Name, Unit)

- | DAY | EVENTS  |
|-----|---|
| 9   | Among the PX rations issued today were cigarettes, cigars, candy, chewing gum, and soap. Had steak for dinner, which put the boys in good shape for the <u>mail call in the afternoon.</u>  |
| 10  | Clothes were issued today for those who turned in salvage recently. The men never have too many clothes. However, everyone seems to be well outfitted at the present. There was a genuine western thriller this evening at the local movie house. Don "Red" Barry starred in "The Blackhill Express". It was the <u>first western shown in sometime.</u>      |
| 11  | Two officers and two EM, 500th Sq (British), were attached to the squadron this morning for rations only. Was a cold day, and most of the men stayed in as much as possible.  |
| 12  | S/Sgt. Paul G. Bernstein, Group Photo Section-Head, was released from attachment to Hq. 310th Bomb. Gp. for rations only today. The two officers and two EM of the 500th Sq. (British), were released from attachment for rations only. <u>Fresh ground beef hamburgers on the menu for dinner, and every man had his fill.</u>                               |
| 13  | For the second time in four days PX rations were issued. The area has a new theatre--the building recently vacated by Intelligence and Operations. Opening night was celebrated with a double feature. William Bendix and Grace Bradley in "Taxi Mister", and a reshewing of "Blackhill Express". Was also a <u>small amount of mail in tonight.</u>          |
| 14  | A quiet day. The men busied themselves with the usual routine duties. The winter is passing quickly, and the coming of spring is anxiously awaited.   |
| 15  | Squadron communications finished wiring the enlisted men's tent area this afternoon. Each tent is authorized one light.   |
| 16  | Another one of those very important days: Bag after bag of mail was called, <u>including packages, papers, and letters.</u>   |
| 17  | Had another movie this evening in the area theatre. Warren William in "Passport to Suez", a story of espionage and murder.  |
| 18  | Today was a day of feasting. Our Mess had fresh meat for dinner and supper to give us. Steak for the noon meal and hamburgers for supper. The men have had more fresh meat in Corsica than they had in the many months spent in Africa. Major J.J. Dent, Lts. Carrol Hamant, and Eliot H. Potter left today for detached service. <u>destination unknown.</u> |
| 19  | Trucks went to the bath-house in the mountains this morning at 9 a.m. and this afternoon at 2:30. This is the only opportunity the men have to take a bath. <u>PX rations were issued again this afternoon.</u>   |
| 20  | Church services were conducted this morning in the nearby chapel. It was a <u>Beautiful Sunday--the kind of day a Sunday should be--calm and peaceful.</u>  |
| 21  | Two good meals today: Hotcakes for breakfast, and creamed chicken for dinner. And for the night's entertainment there were two shows. "Bomber Moon" in our area and "Dangerous Blondes" at the <u>347th Fighter Sq. area.</u>   |
| 22  | Two trucks went to the saw-mill to get any scrap wood available for the officers and enlisted men in the area. Everyone was chopping, and before <u>nightfall all the wood was cut and stacked in the rooms and tents.</u>  |
| 23  | This morning the mess hall had a special treat for the men. Fresh butter on the hotcakes. It made all the difference in the world, and the boys did enjoy the meal. <u>Fresh butter is rarer than fresh meat in this country.</u>   |

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Sheet No. 16 War Diary, 380th Bombardment Sq. Anchor APO 650 New York  
STATION

Month of February, 1944. Prepared by 1st Lt. John E. Adams, Jr. PRO S-2 Sec.  
(Rank, Name, Unit)

## DAY

## EVENTS

- 24 Started raining this morning and continued well into the afternoon, making the entire day miserable and uncomfortable. However, a small mail call and a show this evening did help brighten the spirits of the men somewhat. The picture was "Dangerous Blondes"--this time being shown in our area.
- 25 The rain continues for another day. Operations are at a standstill until clear weather prevails. PX rations were issued today.
- 26 The rain stopped today, but the sky was still dark with low, overhanging clouds. Was bath day and many of the fellows hopped on the trucks and made the trip to the mountain bath-house. The Red Cross opened a service club in the area. Four boys from a nearby anti-aircraft outfit brought their instruments and had a jam session. The men now have someplace to spend their spare time.
- 27 The Sunday was started with a rain. Church services were in order. Services were also conducted in the evening at the Red Cross Club.
- 28 More rain today, but the boys didn't mind too much because there was a big mail call at noon. The anti-aircraft boys played again in the Red Cross tonight.
- 29 The month ended with a beautiful day, and most of all, pay-call. The boys are always anxious to get their money, and just as anxious to send it home. After all, there's nothing in this country to buy.

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CAMPAIGN OUTLINES

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Month of February

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CAMPAIGN  
OUTLINES  
( FEB )

380TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON  
310TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN (CONT'D) 1944 FEBRUARY

February, 1944, was destined to open with much activity, grow into a period of very extensive operation, and then slow down into inactivity, with the weather playing the major role at the end of the month.

As the month opened for the squadron, the B-25's were busy searching the coasts of southern France and western Italy for enemy shipping and making it hot for any shipping sighted. These missions consisted of both sea searches for chance sightings, and of strikes against shipping reported from other sources. Successes came more frequently as the month progressed, and numerous Axis boats ranging from barges to merchant vessels, were sent to Davy Jones' Locker.

On February 9, new B-25 G's and H's and their crews started arriving for the squadron, and they joined in the fight, starting on February 12. From that date, we had B-25 C's, G's, and H's searching the waters east and north of Corsica frequently, and destroying enemy vessels with both medium and low-level attacks. With B-25 C's being few in number, B-25 G's and H's were soon to take their place as wing ships to the C's, and to drop their bombs with the element leader.

Jerry soon became annoyed at our attacks in his vital shipping lanes. These boats were necessary to his war machine along the Anzio Beach-head and the main battle-line, as they were usually loaded with all the needs for continuing the Italian War. A breach in this vital line of supplies would greatly hamper the Nazi War Machine in Italy, so Jerry was forced to take new measures of protection for this shipping. He started hiding his ships in harbors during the day, and making his runs at night. This called for new tactics on our part, so we started going into the harbors, finding the boats there, and sinking them. Leghorn, Porto San Stefano, Talamone, Porto Ferraro, Piombino, Viareggio, and Port Ercole were some of the German-held harbors that felt the blows of our attacks, with numerous ships ranging up to 5,000 tons in size being blasted and sunk in these harbors. When shipping could not be found in these places, quays, docks, dock installations, and other military objectives in the area received their share of the blows. All of this time, the "Flying Cannons" kept up their low-level attacks on shipping in open waters and in small harbors, and kept the Axis boats in the harbors so they would make good targets for the bombers. Other targets included were Targuinia A/D, and RR tracks and equipment North of Civitavecchia.

Among the most successful attacks of the month were those on Leghorn, Sestri Levante, and Viareggio harbors. On February 12, one 3,000 ton M/V and three landing barges were sunk in Sestri Levante Harbor. On February 18, we had our most successful mission of the month when one 5,000 ton M/V, one 320' M/V, one 175' M/V, one 200' yacht, and two 110' barges were sunk in Leghorn Harbor. The Viareggio Harbor raid on Feb. 20, resulted in twelve 80-100' schooners, and eight 35' fishing vessels being sunk and destroyed.

All this good work was not to continue uninterrupted, for on Feb. 24, rainy weather set in, and operations ceased entirely for the remainder of the month.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

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ORGANIZATIONAL  
CHANGES  
( FEB )

380TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON  
310TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

Changes in Organization

380th Bombardment Squadron under 12th Air Force, 12th Fighter Command,  
63rd Fighter Wing.

Change in C.O.

Lt. Col. Rodney R. Wilder on DS with 63rd Fighter Wing at Borgo, Corsica.  
Major James J. Dent, Jr. assumed command in his absence.

Echelons

Second priority of Flight Echelon arrived at Ghisonaccia, Corsica on Feb.  
9, 1944. Echelon composed of combat members flying B-25 G type aircraft.  
Point of departure: Phillipville, N. Africa.

Third priority of Ground Echelon composed of 1st Lt. G.S. Ballance and  
twenty-three enlisted men still awaiting transportation at Algiers, N. Africa,  
for Corsica. Expected to arrive sometime in March.